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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING GAMING MACHINE OPERATING DATA

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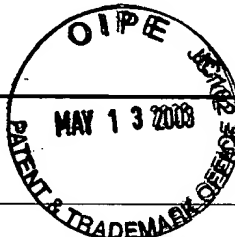
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2003 with respect to the above-referenced patent application, Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination and files this Preliminary Amendment.

Please amend the application as indicated in the following sections:

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